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Date: 5/23/2005 5:10:40 PM
Subject: RE: Prime Farmland determination

Russ:

The main question we need to answer here, is if the BIB, RIB, PnA are usually irrigated. If they are, then these soils meet the criteria for prime farmlands.

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From: Priscilla Burton [mailto:PRISCILLABURTON@utah.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2005 3:45 PM
To: Fish, Robert - Roosevelt, UT
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Mr. Fish,

The map you provided indicates the soils are potentially productive. I have asked Mr. Russ Willson of the Castledale office to check whether irrigation is used on the site.

Thank you,
Priscilla.

>>> "Fish, Robert - Roosevelt, UT" <Robert.Fish@ut.usda.gov> Friday,
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May 20, 2005

Attached is a picture of the soils map for the area that you gave me the legal description. The area is outlined in a solid black line. The soil lines are outline in blue, with a numerical map symbol. Only the IRRIGATED areas with BIB, PnA and RIB meet the criteria for prime farmland or state important farmland.

BIB = Billings silty clay loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes
PnA (PeB) = Penoyer loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes
RIB = Ravola loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes

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From: Priscilla Burton [mailto:PRISCILLABURTON@utah.gov]

Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2005 1:12 PM

To: Fish, Robert - Roosevelt, UT

Cc: Nield, Shawn - Price, UT

Subject: Prime Farmland determination

Hello Mr. Fish,

I am the soil scientist reviewing mine plans for compliance with the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. As required by the Act, I must consult with the NRCS concerning prime farmland status of lands within a proposed permit area.

Mr. Shawn Nield of the Price Field Office referred me to you for a determination on prime farmland status for the following parcels in Emery County, T . 22 S., R. 6 E., SLBM:
Sec 22: NE4, SE4, and SE1/4NW1/4
S 23: W1/2 SW1/4
S 27: NE1/4

These parcels are owned by:
Kenneth L . & Earlene Christiansen
P.O. Box 552
Emery, Utah 84522

and

Consolidation Coal Company
1800 Washington Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241

The parcels are found on the USGS Emery East Quad Map and are shown as part of the permit area boundary change for the Emery Mine (outlined in blue) on the attached map.

Portions of this land are shown as prime farmland in the Important Farmlands of Parts of Carbon, Emery, Grand, and Sevier Counties, Utah Ag

Exp Sta Rpt No. 76. Since this report was prepared in 1981, I am wondering about the current status of the land. I am also wondering whether this report has been superceded and if so, where to get a current copy.

Please reply using email, as the mine permittee is hoping to begin underground mining in the area as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Priscilla Burton

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